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Putting Public Funds to Good Use

Untapped Resources: Controller Identifies
\$28 Million in Unspent Public Funds

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L.A. Controller Ron Galperin this week released a report detailing \$28 million in unspent public funds allocated for specific purposes but that have remained idle despite the City's ongoing fiscal challenges. The report and data can be seen at lacontroller.org/idlefunds <https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=b74f65ed4c&e=d6704bb280>.

<https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=b083b84123&e=d6704bb280> Up to 90 percent of the City's treasury is made up of 830 special purpose funds created with very specific restrictions based on policy decisions or grant requirements. The result has been a fragmentation of City funds making it too easy in some instances for the money to be ignored or unspent. In a review of ways the City can update and reform its management and use of these funds, the Controller identified 123 funds totaling \$28.2 million that have sat idle for a minimum of four years with some funds untouched for more than 10 years.

"When the City generates and collects taxes, fees, grants and other monies, it is vital that Angelenos know the funds are being put to good and timely uses," L.A. Controller Ron Galperin said.

"It is shocking that as we deal with crises on multiple fronts - from homelessness to housing - vital public funds we can and should be spending remain idle. Taxpayers deserve better and will greatly benefit from a transformation of the City's management and use of special funds. That is why I am putting out all of our findings online to showcase as much open data as possible. Open data is a tool for democracy and a vital starting point for trust in government."

See the \$28 million here <https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=376963374d&e=d6704bb280>

Tax Day is April 17th: Here's a Map to Help

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L.A. Controller Ron Galperin also released a map this week detailing local resources to help Angelenos prepare for the April 17, 2018, filing deadline.

The map is online at www.lacontroller.org/freetaxprep <https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=ebe67b5f87&e=d6704bb280> in English and Spanish and displays 116 locations throughout the greater Los Angeles area at public libraries, IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance centers and Free Tax Prep L.A. sites at which anyone who needs help can locally find resources.

"As City Controller, my office works to help secure the financial future of the City of Los Angeles, and it is vital that Angelenos have the tools and knowledge to plan for and to secure their own financial futures," L.A. Controller Ron Galperin said. "The financial health of a city depends on financially secure residents."

Helping to Lead the Charge

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As Women's History Month comes to close, I'd like to recognize the 11,846 women who work for the City of Los Angeles and the more than 100 women who work in the Controller's office. From the bus drivers, to the police officers, firefighters and auditors, we thank you for your work. I am especially grateful for the many women who power the Controller's office every day.

City of Los Angeles Launches Vendor Self Services Portal

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Last year Los Angeles made \$9 billion in payments to vendors for goods and services. To make things easier for businesses big & small, we launched a new Vendor Self Service Portal

<https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=5cadbd7d79&e=d6704bb280>, which gives businesses around the clock access to account information, status of contracts, payments and invoices. It's all part of making Los Angeles the most business friendly city in America.

Click here to see the portal <https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=0226f65556&e=d6704bb280>

Celebrating Transgender Day of Visibility

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Last week, I celebrated Transgender Day of Visibility with our friends in the trans community at City Hall. It was a special honor to recognize advocate Chela Demuir with the Unique Woman's Coalition for her endless work to make all individuals feel accepted.

Ransomware Hits Atlanta; L.A. Prepares

Two weeks ago, the City of Atlanta was hit by a ransomware cyber attack. Residents can't pay their utility bills, police have been completing reports by hand and court proceedings have been canceled.

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The City of Los Angeles is a popular target for cyber attacks. In August 2017, I released a report <https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=e46ab88230&e=d6704bb280> that showed Los Angeles needs better strategies to protect critical information-technology (IT) systems in the event of major disasters.

After the report, representatives of the Mayor's office and from the L.A. Fire Department, Information Technology Agency and more laid the groundwork for an emergency preparedness

plan.

Seeking Answers; Talking Solutions

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I recently traveled to Washington, D.C., where I met with officials on a range of issues. From homelessness to housing and our local economy and transportation, I worked with officials on some of our most pressing problems.

One meeting was with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, where we talked with Christopher Syrek, the Director of State and Local Affairs about homeless vets in L.A. Those who fought for our country should never want for housing, but it's vital that important federal programs aren't cut and that we create bridges to success.

Around Los Angeles

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Over the past few weeks, I have spent time traveling around Los Angeles, supporting organizations that are working to leave a positive impact on our community. At the L.A. Nature Fest, we celebrated nature and environmental sustainability and I helped cut the ribbon of LA Family Housing's <https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=58260c9ed6&e=d6704bb280> new supportive housing unit "The Fiesta."

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